X-Net: Bimodal Feature Representation Learning for Satellite Images

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Primary Objective

Our aim is to create a meaningful joint representation across different modality data (e.g. RGB and multispectral imagery) using deep learning with a goal of

- Identification of nuclear activity in satellite images
- Temporal analysis of satellite images to detect changes

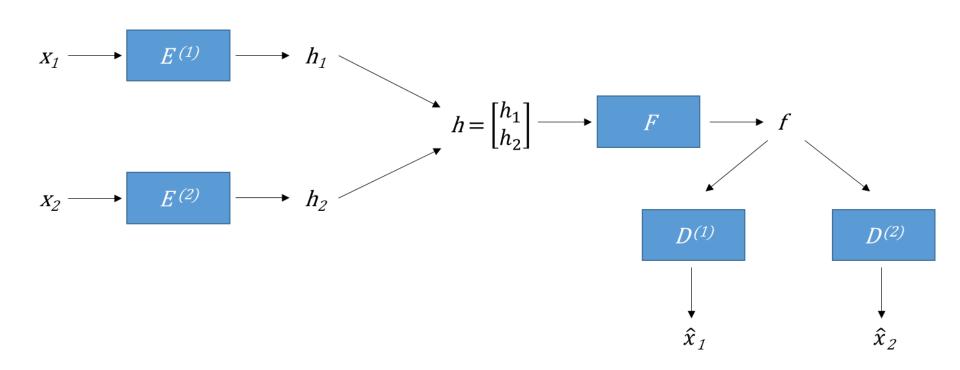
Data Set: Functional Map of the World

- 1,047,691 images covering a majority of countries
- Includes 62 named categories and an additional false detection category
- Features metadata and statistics such as the ISO Country Code, UTM Zone, and Off-Nadir Angle
- With RGB and multispectral imagery content
- Each area of interest is imaged at multiple times, making temporal analysis possible

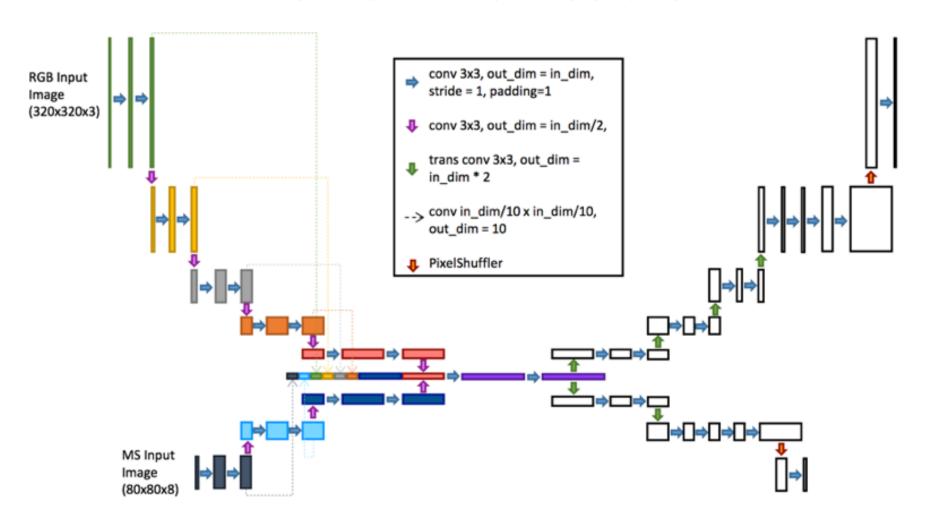
Method

- We propose a deep learning architecture inspired by recent successful architectures such as U-Net and DenseNet
- Take a semi-supervised approach by using an autoencoder structure

Joint Representation Learning



Network Architecture



Results

Peak Signal to Noise Ratio			
	Bimodal Autoencoder	Bidirectional DNN	X-Net (our architecture)
RGB	28.086	27.947	30.384
Multispectral	28.799	28.294	33.820

Reconstruction Examples (RGB)

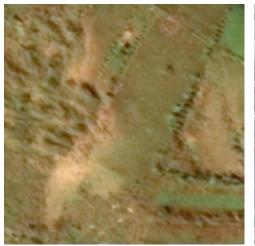






Input







Reconstruction

Reconstruction Examples (MS, RGB Channels Extracted)



Future Work

- Establish an inference performance-based metric by evaluation tasks such as classification or change detection
- Explore variational autoencoder models and other analytical constraints to further improve the fusion layer
- Explore additional modalities and develop robustness methodologies to failing or missing modalities in training and testing

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